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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. Dick Helms asked that the Department of State News Letter be reviewed for matters of interest, which should be circulated within the Agency. The Special Support Assistant to the DD/S will continue this practice. Dick also asked that the item concerning [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] be noted and circulated.

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b. I mentioned the Department of State reorganization plans and the establishment of an Employee Services Center in the Department. I said that, when additional information on the reorganization is obtained, it would be circulated.

c. John Bross asked whether anyone knew Mr. Anthony, the new Comptroller of the Department of Defense who comes from Harvard Business School. Dick Helms wanted to know the name of the head of Harvard Business School and whether he is cleared.

2. A letter which the Office of Personnel had prepared for the Director's signature to Senator Lister Hill of Alabama was found to be improper by both Dick Helms and Colonel White. I called Emmett Echols, informed him of the deficiencies in the letter, and asked for assurance that his staffwork and preparation of such letters would be done properly in the future. To compound matters, Colonel White again returned the letter with a number of corrections. I shall take up this matter again with Emmett to insure better preparation. There is apparently a deficiency in the Office of Personnel staffwork.

3. Bob Fuchs and I met with Dick Helms to give him backup information on the voucher for expenditures of confidential funds. Dick was satisfied with the procedure and the backup information.

4. I spoke briefly at the weekly meeting of DD/P Support Chiefs. I asked for their assistance and cooperation and stressed the need to resolve problems quickly before they become larger issues. I specified that each problem has several solutions and that the all-or-nothing approach should be discouraged. In response to a question from [REDACTED] I spoke in general terms about the favorable possibilities of the Support components

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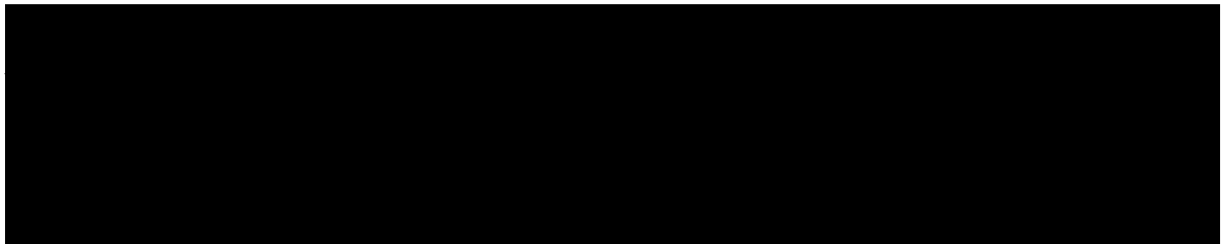
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carrying their own slots for overseas service with DD/P. It appeared that a number of the group had been thinking along these lines and regarded the proposal favorably. I said that I would take up this matter later but that it would be premature to take any steps at this time. I feel that this proposal has considerable merit and can probably be worked out.

5. Dick Helms called and wanted to set up an appointment for next week with Alan Warfield and George Meloon.

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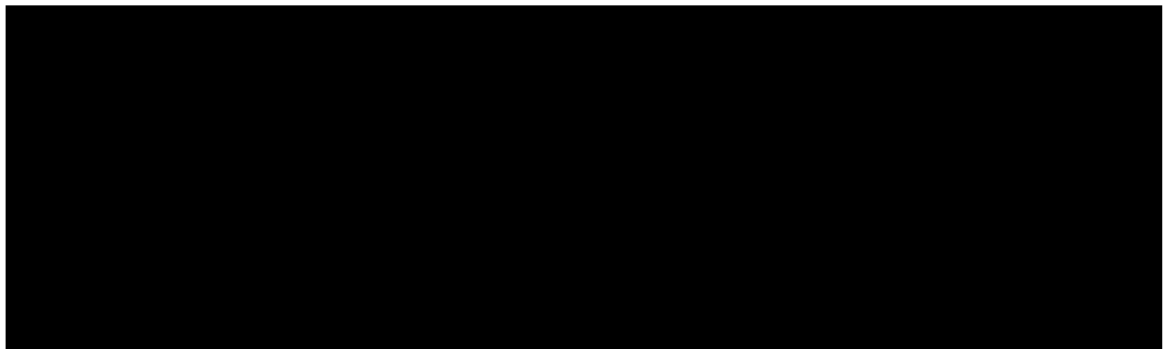


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7. I interviewed [redacted] on an informal basis concerning his availability for the position of Deputy Director of Logistics. He was extremely interested. I so advised George Meloon, who in turn will interview Jack. In the meantime, Colonel White had mentioned this possibility to Dick Helms, who was concerned about pulling Jack out of DD/S&T at this rather critical period. I will keep this on an informal basis and will check with Dick Helms before taking any action. Part of the problem concerns the position of Executive Officer to the DD/S&T and whether Dr. Wheelon will want a DD/S replacement or will select one of his staff officers for this position. This will be worked out to avoid affecting DD/S&T's capability to handle the NRO issue.

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9. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. It was announced that [redacted] will head the Vietnamese Task Force, which will be set up under DD/I direction. He might call upon me for space and facilities.

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b. The Director is in Texas where his mother is seriously ill. He will not return until Thursday night.

c. Ting Sheldon mentioned that General Cabell will be appointed as a consultant to NASA.

d. Sherman Kent mentioned that [REDACTED] will soon be appointed to serve with the Office of National Estimates.

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